

utilisable water resources is 1140 cubic kilometres of which about 552 cubic kilometres is being presently utilised. Leaving 588 cubic kilometres of utilisable water as unutilised. Studies and surveys for the purpose are undertaken regularly.

Pay Phones to Scheduled Tribes in Bihar

4093. SHRI SHIBU SOREN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the pay phones allotted to the applicants belonging to the Scheduled Tribe category under the Manned Payphone Franchise Scheme in Bihar during each of the last two years district-wise, along with the percentage; and

(b) the details of the criterion and priority accorded to Scheduled Tribe applicants in the allotment of Payphones?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) and (b). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

[Translations]

Quality of Food Provided in IA Flights

4094. SHRI SURAJ MANDAL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the food served by Indian Airlines in its planes bound for Delhi, Patna Ranchi, Calcutta is of inferior quality;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps being taken to improve its quality?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA (a) No, Sir.

(b) does not arise.

(c) The following steps are taken by Indian Airlines to ensure the quality of food on its flights:-

- (i) Pre-flight quality checks and periodical inspection of catering establishments are undertaken by qualified catering staff of ensure quality control;
- (ii) Periodical inspection of caterers' establishments units by medical officers of Indian Airlines is done to ensure maintenance of proper hygienic conditions in the areas where food is prepared stored, preset and loaded;
- (iii) Punitive action is taken against the caterers whenever deficiencies are noticed.

[English]

Tehri Hydro Electric Project

4095. DR. SUDHIR RAY: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether an increase in the cost of the construction of Tehri Hydro-electric Power Project has been estimated;

(b) if so whether the estimated cost of this project was 3,804 crore rupees and it is now likely to go up to 5058 crore rupees;

(c) if so, the percentage of the work completed by the December, 1991; and

(d) the up per time estimated to be taken to complete the remaining construction works?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES. (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) Yes Sir.

(c) The work completed on the project by December, 1991 is as under:-

- Infrastructure works completed.
- All four Nos. Diversion tunnels 11 M. dia each completed.
- Excavation of all Four Head Race Tunnels 8.5 M dia each completed and lining works nearing completion.
- Approach adits to under ground Power House cavern completed./
- River diverted through Right Bank Diversion Tunnels.
- work on foundation of main dam completed.

(d) The entire Tehri Hydro Power Complex is envisaged to be commissioned during 1996-97, subject to availability of adequate financial resources.

New Air routes between Bombay and other States

4096. SHRI PRATAPRAO BHONSLE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to introduce new air routes between Bombay

and other States during 1992-93;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRIMADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c). No firm decision has been taken on introduction of any new flight, due to capacity constraints.

Telugu Ganga Project

4097. SHRI N DENNIS: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Tamil Nadu has approached the World Bank for financial assistance for the implementation of Telugu Ganga Project; and

(b) if so, the details of assistance proposed to be provided by the World Bank?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) and (b). The Government of Tamil Nadu have not approached the World Bank for financial assistance for canal works connected with the Telugu Ganga Project. However, the World Bank has been approached for financial assistance towards Madras Transmission and Distribution System. This system envisages (i) improvements to city water supply and sewerage system to handle additional flow of water expected from Kishan river and (ii) improvements to environmental sanitation, etc. Both these components have been pre-appraised by the World Bank at a total cost of Rs. 1105.2 crores.

Expansion Programme by Air India

4098. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: